

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material[[,]];

wherein the feature substance ~~being present~~ is a carbon black material in the form of a coding or alphanumeric information;

~~wherein the security element comprises a printed image having a first printed layer containing the feature substance, said printed layer being in the form of the coding or alphanumeric information, and the optically variable material disposed over said printed layer.~~

wherein the optically variable material is a liquid-crystal polymer.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The document of value according to claim [[1]] 48, wherein the security element has a second printed layer containing no feature substance that is disposed in register side by side with the first printed layer and shows the same visual appearance as the first printed layer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The document of value according to claim [[1]] 48, wherein the first printed layer has a dark color.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The document of value according to claim 1, wherein the security element has two liquid-crystal materials with different polarization properties.

Claims 6-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The document of value according to claim 1, wherein the security element is disposed on a plastic foil that is connected with the document of value.

Claims 10-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The document of value according to claim 1, wherein the security element is present on the document of value as a multilayer transfer element in whose layer structure the optically variable material and feature substance are disposed.

Claims 23-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A multilayer transfer material comprising at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, wherein the transfer material additionally has at least one

machine readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material;

~~wherein the security element comprises a printed image having a first printed layer containing the feature substance, said printed layer being in the form of the coding or alphanumeric information, and the optically variable material disposed over said printed layer~~ is a carbon black material and the optically variable material is a liquid crystal polymer.

Claims 28-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): Plastics pellets, comprising at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material.

Claims 32 - 41 (Canceled).

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material, the optically variable material and the feature substance being disposed in one layer and said layer being present in the form of information;

wherein the optically variable material is an interference layer material.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material, the optically variable material and the feature substance being disposed in one layer and said layer being present in the form of information;

wherein the machine-readable feature substance is a material luminescing including a substance that is luminescent outside a visible spectral region.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material, the optically variable material and the feature substance being disposed in one layer and said layer being present in the form of information;

wherein the security element is present on the document of value as a multilayer transfer element in whose layer structure the optically variable material and feature substance are disposed.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material, the optically variable material and the feature substance being disposed in one layer and said layer being a self-supporting plastic foil;

wherein the optically variable material is an interference layer material.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material, the optically variable material and the feature substance being disposed in one layer and said layer being a self-supporting plastic foil;

wherein the machine-readable feature substance is a material luminescing including a substance that is luminescent outside a visible spectral region.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A document of value comprising a security element having at least one optically variable material that conveys different color effects at different viewing angles, and at least one machine-readable feature substance that does not impair a visually visible optically variable effect of the optically variable material, the optically variable material and the feature substance being disposed in one layer and said layer being a self-supporting plastic foil;

wherein the security element is present on the document of value as a multilayer transfer element in whose layer structure the optically variable material and feature substance are disposed.

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Claim 48 (New): The document of value according to claim 1, wherein the security element comprises a printed image having a first printed layer containing the feature substance, the printed layer being in the form of the coding or alphanumeric information, and the optically variable material disposed over the printed layer.